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Upcoming Stakeholder Meeting on Proposed Changes to the Iowa DNR's Wastewater and Drinking Water Rules

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is holding a stakeholder meeting to discuss several proposed changes to the Iowa Administrative Code regarding wastewater, drinking water, sludge, and private sewage disposal systems.

The stakeholder meeting will be held from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm on December 19th, 2019 at the Urbandale Public Library at 3520 86th Street, Urbandale, Iowa, in Meeting Rooms A and B.

The Chapters included in the proposed rulemaking are 40, 41, 43, 49, 60, 62, 63, 64, 67 and 69. The proposed changes are summarized below by Chapter.

- Chapter 40 - changing a definition to be consistent with Chapter 69
- Chapter 41 - changing language in water supply separation distance table to match the well separation distances table in Chapter 43.3(7)
- Chapter 43 - adding new language on water main separation distances and updating the well separation distances table (Table A in 43.3(7))
- Chapter 49 - updating the private well separation distances table in 49.6(1)
- Chapter 60 - removing obsolete forms, updating general permit language, adding language to allow for electronic submittal of forms
- Chapter 62 - updating the date reference for the Code of Federal Regulations and adding a reference to the new federal dental effluent limitation guidelines
- Chapter 63 - adding references to the Code of Federal Regulations for analytical testing methods (40 CFR Part 136); updating the rule-referenced Supporting Document for Permit Monitoring Frequency Determination; updating the guidelines for whole effluent toxicity testing; adding new language on electronic reporting requirements and electronic reporting waivers; rescinding the monitoring table for land application systems; rescinding the current table for preservation techniques, containers and holding times and replacing it with a reference to the preservation techniques, containers and holding times table in the Code of Federal Regulations

- Chapter 64 - updating the General Permit language to accord with the current and proposed general permits; adding the specific fee amounts for the NPDES and operation permit fees and construction permit fees from Iowa Code section 455B.197; adding new language regarding the Nutrient Reduction Exchange (NRE)
- Chapter 67 - updating the sewage sludge classifications, terms, land application pathogen reduction methods, and other sludge testing methods to be consistent with 40 CFR Part 503
- Chapter 69 - updating the private sewage disposal systems separation distances table; changing the maintenance contract language to accord with proposed Senate File 511

Please see the [Wastewater and NPDES Rules](#) webpage for a draft of the proposed rule changes. The draft is organized by Chapter, and there is a short summary of the reasons supporting each proposed change directly following each rule section.

Please contact Courtney Cswercko at courtney.cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov or 515-725-8411 with any questions on the proposed rule changes or on the stakeholder meeting. Written comments on this version of the proposed rules may be submitted by email at courtney.cswercko@dnr.iowa.gov or may be mailed to Courtney Cswercko, Iowa DNR, 502 East 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50319, until January 10, 2020.

EPA Webinar: Integrating Water Quality and Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning

From EPA Green Infrastructure Program, 12/4/2019

“Water program integration and green infrastructure solutions in urban-to-agricultural settings can aid in resilience to flooding, drought, water contamination, erosion, urban heat island, and airborne dust particulates. This webinar will provide tools to help integrate water protection planning (e.g., water quality protection, watershed planning, source water protection) into hazard mitigation planning, provide an overview for hazard mitigation specialists and watershed planners on how to align program goals and activities, and illustrate how planning efforts can be enhanced through a cooperative, coordinated approach. When collaborative concepts are applied during goal-setting and preparation of planning documents, professionals can better leverage the resources available from all programs and stakeholders and achieve multiple benefits.

State Hazard Mitigation Plans that have natural resource protection as a goal will be highlighted, as their approaches help mitigate both the impacts of sudden natural disasters as well as the risks to health and water resources in a changing world.”

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Time: noon - 1:30 PM, CDT

[Registration](#)

Find FEMA Funding That Is Right for Your Utility

From EPA Water Security Division, 11/26/19

With Unprecedented FEMA Funding for Mitigation, There Has Never Been a Better Time to Apply!

For this year, FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program is funded at the unprecedented level of \$250M. Does your water utility have a mitigation project in mind, but has not pursued it because you lack funding? Is your mitigation project cost effective and is your utility included in the local hazard mitigation plan? If so, [learn about PDM](#) and submit your FEMA [PDM application](#) by January 30, 2020.

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